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REMARKS

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1. A train of 45 railroad cars, coming from the direction of COTTBUS * (N 52/A 57), passed through FINSTERWALDE (N 52/A 15) and proceeded towards KIRCHHAIN (N 52/A 05). Twenty nine cars of the train were occupied by about 30 troops each, one car was occupied by tank, artillery and infantry officers, and fifteen cars were empty. The troops were said to have come from the Soviet Union.

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2. A train of about 50 railroad cars, carrying troops and the following materiel, arrived at the COTTEBUS main railroad station from the direction of FORST (O 52/A 77):

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Eight JS tanks

Two howitzers of about 150 mm caliber

Four antitank guns of about 70 mm caliber

Four heavy mortars.

The troops had a good military bearing; the materiel appeared to be new.**

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3. A train of about 50 railroad cars passed through VETSOHAU (N 52/A 37) on 20 August 1949 and proceeded towards COMBUS. About 150 artillery shells of 200 to 250 mm caliber, packed in boxes, were loaded on each car. ***

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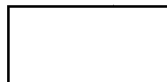
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Comment:

- * It is believed that new recruits were inducted in the Soviet Union in May 1949 and underwent a six to eight-week period of basic training before they were distributed to regular army units. It can therefore be assumed that recruits may have arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany since August 1949. ****

The train passing through FIMSTERALDE on 16 August 1949 is believed to have carried recruits. Similar observations were made in JUSTERBOG in late August 1949. *****

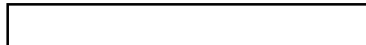
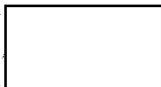
- ** The train carried troops and materiel of the 9th Meoz Div (Cadre),

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- *** The train hauled ammunition to the Soviet Union. Similar shipments are being continually reported from all parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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